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What's So Funny, Jeb? **Lantos Not Laughing at Florida Governor's "Joke"**

Washington, DC – Congressman Tom Lantos (D-CA) today wrote to Florida Governor Jeb Bush to point out that a joke Bush had made about San Francisco was in bad taste.

As reported in today's *Orlando Sentinel*, Bush was looking at a map during a discussion about environmental issues and wildlife when he commented, "it looks like the people of San Francisco are an endangered species, which may not be a bad thing. That's probably good news for the country."

Oh, ha, ha, ha, ha, ha.

"With your poor environmental record, I am not surprised to learn that you think endangered species are a laughing matter," Lantos said in a letter to Bush today. "It is outrageous, however, that you would make the people of San Francisco the brunt of this feeble attempt at humor."

Lantos noted that San Francisco has a strong track record of attracting young and educated people, and that a recent Carnegie Mellon University study had ranked San Francisco as the most likely U.S. city to succeed in today's economy – while Tampa, Orlando and Miami had ranked, respectively, 31, 33 and 34 on the list.

"San Francisco is a wonderful city," Lantos told Governor Bush, adding that "in the future ... I recommend sticking to self-deprecatory humor, which is sure to provide a wealth of material."

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